

Gettysburg Compiler. 77th Year. September 11, 1894. The Compiler. "Not Guilty, but Pay the Costs." "There is no verdict given by Justice that creates so much adverse criticism as "not guilty, but pay the costs." "A lawyer's explanation of this singular style of verdict. He says: "This form of verdict is peculiarly a Pennsylvania institution. It has been a deal of wonderment among the people generally who do not understand its significance. The law requires the judge to make a position of the costs whenever the verdict is not guilty. They may put the costs on the defendant, or on the prosecutor, or they may divide them between the prosecutor and defendant in such portion as they see fit. It would be hard to tell what the assize member of the legislature who originated the idea had in mind, but the probable explanation is this: Under our system of sending petty cases of assault, battery, and the like, to trial in the quarter sessions, a large number of frivolous cases, and of course a full of costs is attached to each one of them. "Quite often the parties are both poor, and the costs are too heavy for either. The verdict was put, in this case, on the defendant, but the costs were too heavy for him to pay. The judge, being a humane man, and desiring to do so, he ordered that the costs be paid by the parties in such proportion as they see fit. "The boys of Gettysburg. "Have you the bullet that killed General Reynolds? asked a veteran of a younger who kept a rifle stand on the battlefield of Gettysburg. "No, sir," was the reply, "we sold the last one yesterday, but we can have you one by to-morrow. The scared and begrimed old Bucktail, however, knew all about General Reynolds' bullet, so he didn't order any. But he bought a dilapidated canteen "from the store of Pickens' charge." Being somewhat of a connoisseur in such matters, he examined the canteen closely and satisfied himself it was not bogus. "Many a boy living near some one of the great battles, having a living by hunting relics. Having such a relic is generally fortunate enough to pick up something of the "great gift," which he either sells to a dealer or directly to visitors. "Many a boy, not long ago, at Gettysburg, found a great relic, a bullet, and he sold it for a dollar. "Another, on the field of Waterloo, found two bullets embedded in each other, one French, the other English. They had evidently met in midair and were valueless. "The Compiler will be sent to any address, during the campaign, for 25 cents. "THE YOUNG MAN KNEW. "My son," said the economical father, "these cigars are better than I smoked at your age." "Father," replied the youth, "it pains me to say so, but I am compelled to state that they are better than the cigars you smoke now."







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